

Pollok House

Home to Murder - the solution

The Murderer of Sir Archie Collins was Grimes his Butler.

At the dinner, Grimes heard for the first time what had happened to his sweetheart. He knew she had departed for the colonies but without a word to him but he did not know that she was pregnant and that the father was Sir Archie himself. In his excitement he dropped the sauce and he determined to have it out with him before the evening was over.

Sir Archie's son, now Sir Charles Collins said that he had seen Grimes in the Hall near to the Business Room just before there was the shot (sounded like a car backfiring) although Grimes claimed not to have left the Dining Room till he found Sir Archie dead.

The visitors to Sir Archie's study had been Scott MacPhee followed by The Rev Simms and finally Grimes who in his anger at discovering the truth about his sweetheart took up the gun and shot his Master through the cushion. Mrs Simms confirmed that Grimes had remained in the Dining Room until just before people heard the fatal shot.

The accusations about the Rev Simms and the Steeple Fund are still being investigated by the Police.